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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-336253, published December 22, 1995 with English Abstract.
2. News Trend from USA, "NIKKEI Pasokon", (DVR-Japanese Magazine), published January 24, 2000, pp. 28.

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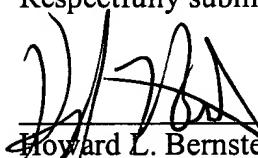
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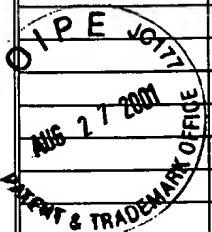
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